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Subject: Response to Comment No. 18, RIDEM Comments to the Final PRGs
Derecktor Shipyard/Coddington Cove
Naval Station Newport, Newport Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Kulpa:

This letter is provided in regards to comment number 18 from your comment summary dated December 21, 1998. You will recall that this issue has been discussed at EAB meetings held in March and April 1999, and prior to the December 1998 summary. On May 10, 1999 you contacted the Navy for another response.

The Navy concurs that the potential for sediment resuspension from ship traffic is present in Coddington Cove. However, it has not been quantified, and the Navy believes it does not occur often, and in-field suspension is less than that used for toxicity testing and elutriate analysis in the recent investigations. The Navy also concurs that additional modeling of suspension would not be productive at this time. Therefore, the Navy proposes to address the areas exceeding Recommended PRGs for resuspended sediment using the alternatives described in the Draft Final FS report to reduce this potential.

I hope that this resolves the concern raised by your office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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